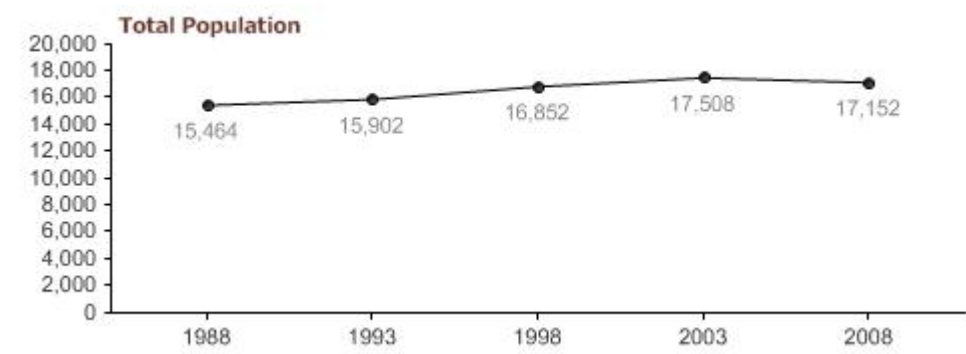


Parke County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	15,464	15,902	16,852	17,508	17,152
Change Since 1988		438	1,388	2,044	1,688
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.8%	9.0%	13.2%	10.9%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008		
	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-32	
International Migration	-1	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	48	
Births	198	
Deaths	150	

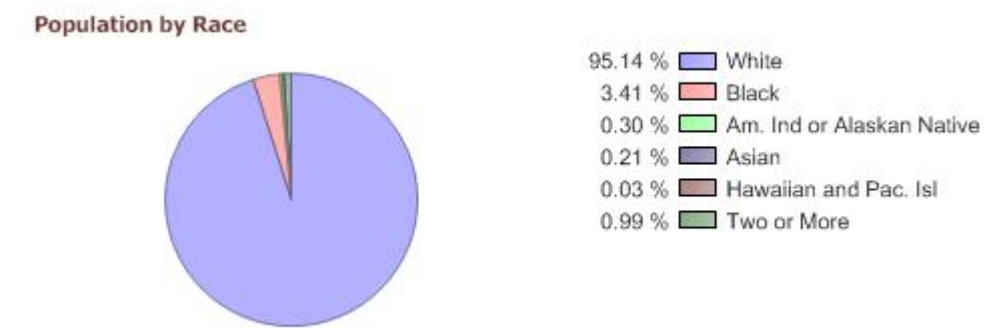
Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	902	5.3%
School Age	2,653	15.5%
College Age	1,393	8.1%

Young Adult	4,883	28.5%
Older Adult	4,801	28.0%
Older (65 plus)	2,537	14.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	51	0.3%
Asian Alone	36	0.2%
Black Alone	585	3.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	5	0.0%
White Alone	16,322	95.1%
Two or More Race Groups	170	1.0%



Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	17,029	99.3%
Hispanic or Latino	140	0.8%

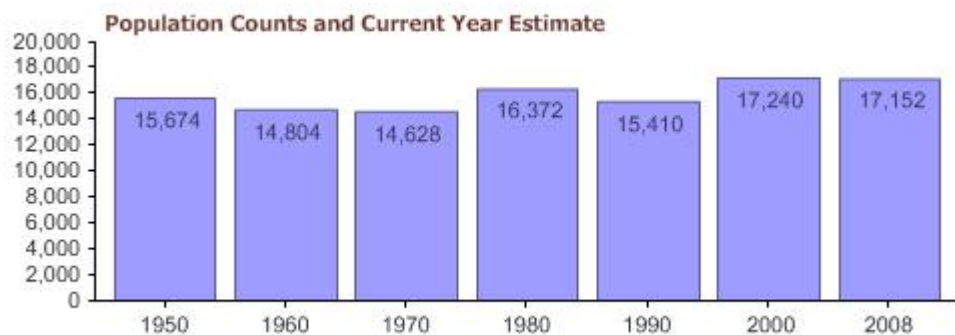
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Households in 2000		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	6,415	100.0%
Family Households	4,627	72.1%
Married with Children	1,484	23.1%
Married without Children	2,359	36.8%
Single Parents	474	7.4%
Other	310	4.8%
Non-family Households	1,788	27.9%
Living Alone	1,549	24.1%
Average Household Size	2.68	
Average Family Household Size	3.72	

Source: US Census Bureau

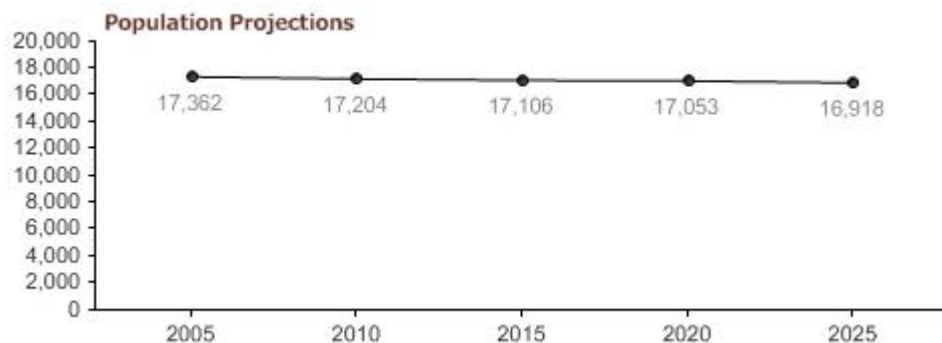
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate			
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	15,674	NA	NA
1960	14,804	-870	-5.6%
1970	14,628	-176	-1.2%
1980	16,372	1,744	11.9%
1990	15,410	-962	-5.9%

April 2000	17,240	1,830	11.9%
2008	17,152	-88	-0.5%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	17,362	17,204	17,106	17,053	16,918
Change Since 2005		-158	-256	-309	-444
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.9%	-1.5%	-1.8%	-2.6%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center